

HOUSE BILL 2474
By Kernell

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 2,
Chapter 10, Part 3 and Title 3, Chapter 6, Part 1,
relative to lobbyists.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 3-6-108, is amended by deleting subsection (i) in its entirety and by adding the following language as new, appropriately designated subsections:

(i) No employer of a lobbyist or multicandidate political campaign committee controlled by an employer of a lobbyist shall make any campaign contribution to a candidate for the office of governor or member of the general assembly between the convening of the general assembly in organizational session and the conclusion of the regular annual legislative session of the general assembly.

(j) No lobbyist, or any person acting on behalf of a lobbyist, shall offer, make, convey, solicit, or promise to solicit any campaign contribution to or on behalf of the governor or any member of the general assembly or any candidate for the office of governor, state senator or state representative.

(k) No governor, member of the general assembly, or candidate for the office of governor, state senator or state representative shall solicit or accept a contribution in violation of subsection (j).

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-10-310(a)(2), is amended by deleting the language "a lobbyist or employer of a lobbyist" in subdivision (D) and by substituting instead the language "employer of a lobbyist or multicandidate political campaign committee controlled by an employer of a lobbyist".

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-10-310(a)(2), is further amended by deleting the language "It shall be unlawful for any lobbyist or employer of a lobbyist to make any contribution to such member's campaign committee during such period for any purpose." and by substituting instead the language:

It shall be unlawful for any employer of a lobbyist or multicandidate political campaign committee controlled by an employer of a lobbyist to make any contribution to such member's campaign committee during such period for any purpose.

SECTION 4. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to that end the provisions of this act are declared to be severable.

SECTION 5. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.